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SONIC

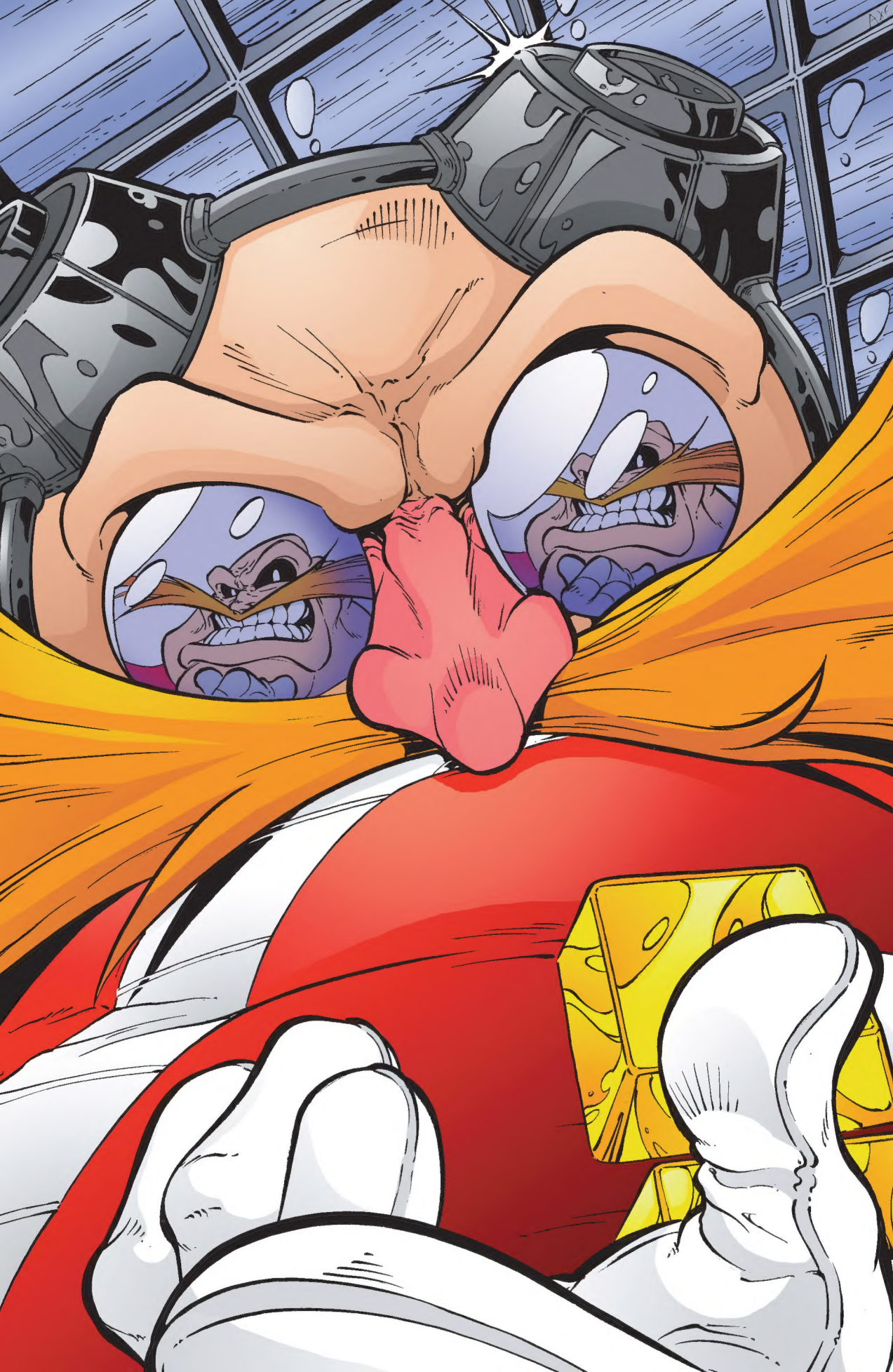
THE HEDGEHOG



SAY IT ISN'T SO!!!
THE RETURN OF THE ORIGINAL
DR. ROBOTNIK!



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OBSERVE,
SNIVELY--ON THE
VIEWSCREEN BEFORE US
IS **KNUCKLES**

THAT ENERGY-
ENDOWED IDIOT HAS
SOMEHOW BECOME
POWERFUL ENOUGH
TO ALTER THE VERY
FACE OF REALITY..*

*SEE SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG #101.

...AND MY
RESEARCH
REVEALS THAT
THOUGH THINGS
APPEAR
NORMAL...



WHAT
CHANGE IS
THAT DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK
SIR?

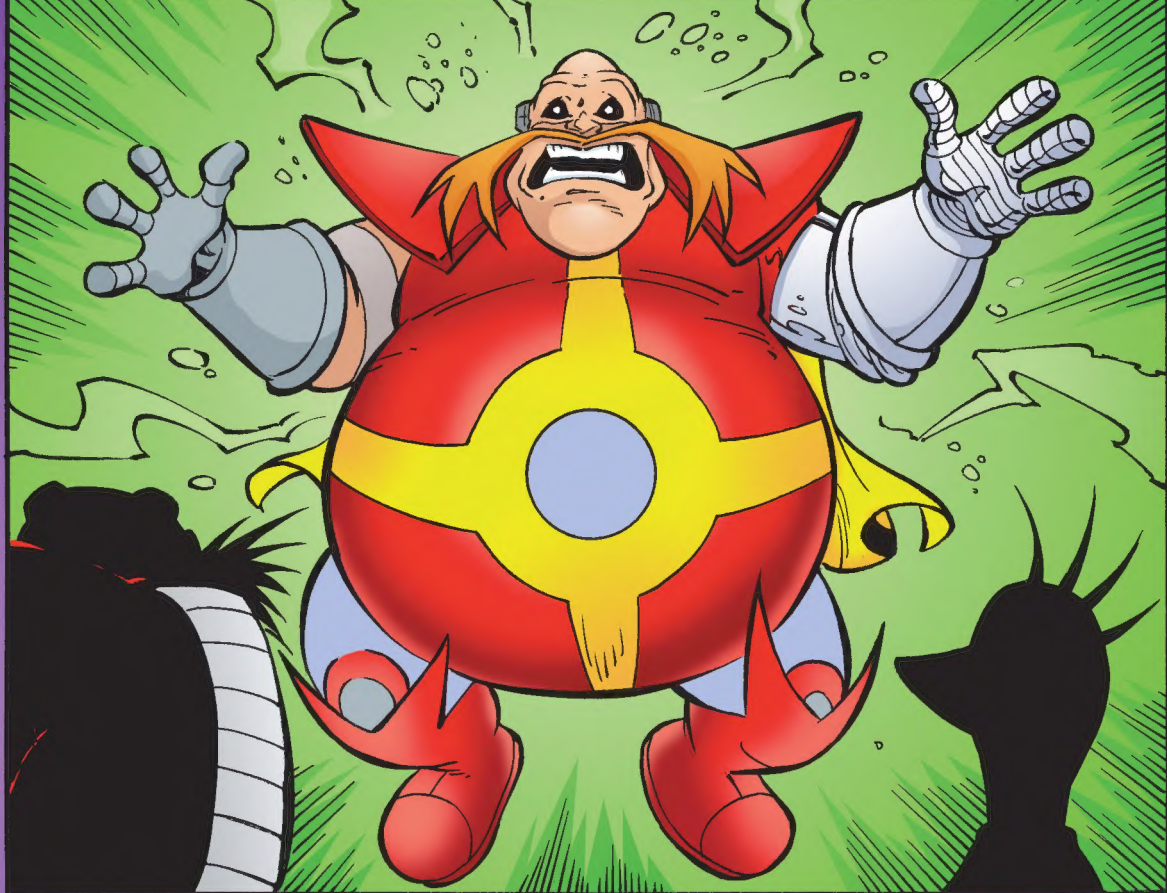
...A DRAMATIC
CHANGE HAS OCCURRED
AS A RESULT OF HIS
TAMPERING WITH
TIME/SPACE!

"THIS ONE!"



ROBOTNIK x2 = TROUBLE!

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I COULD
ASK THE SAME
QUESTION...

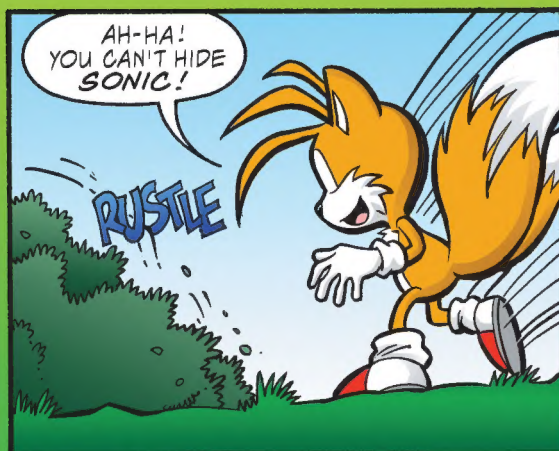
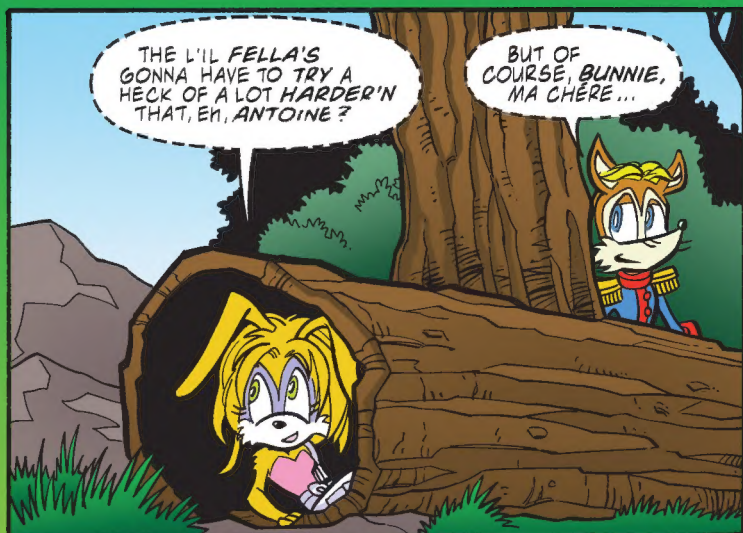
AND WHAT
EXACTLY ARE YOU
SUPPOSED TO BE?!

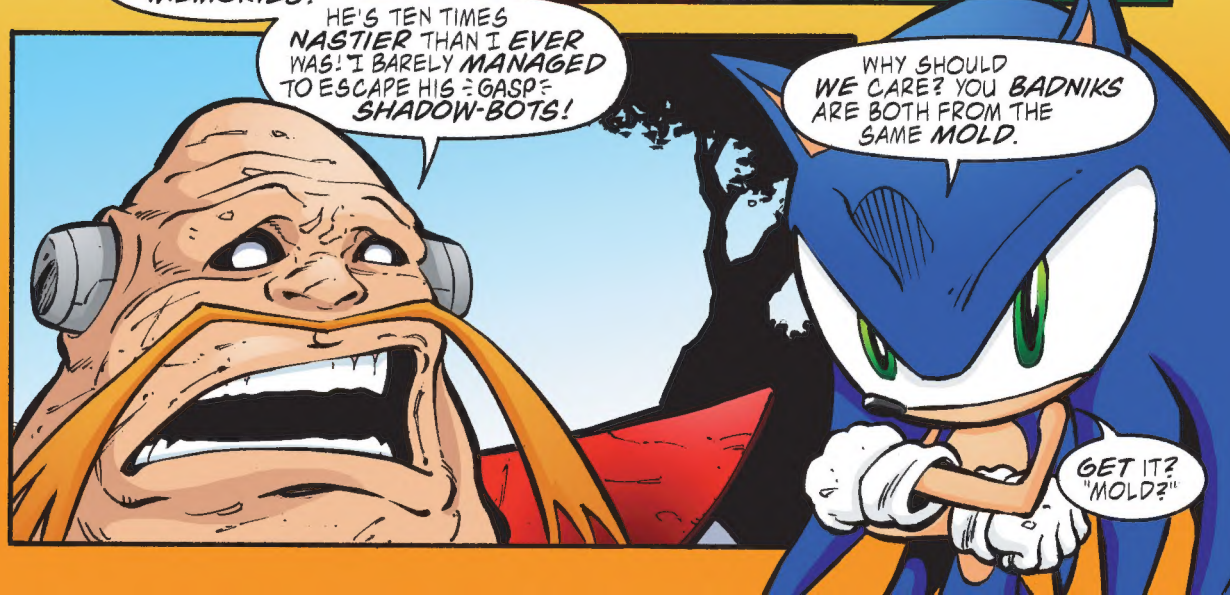
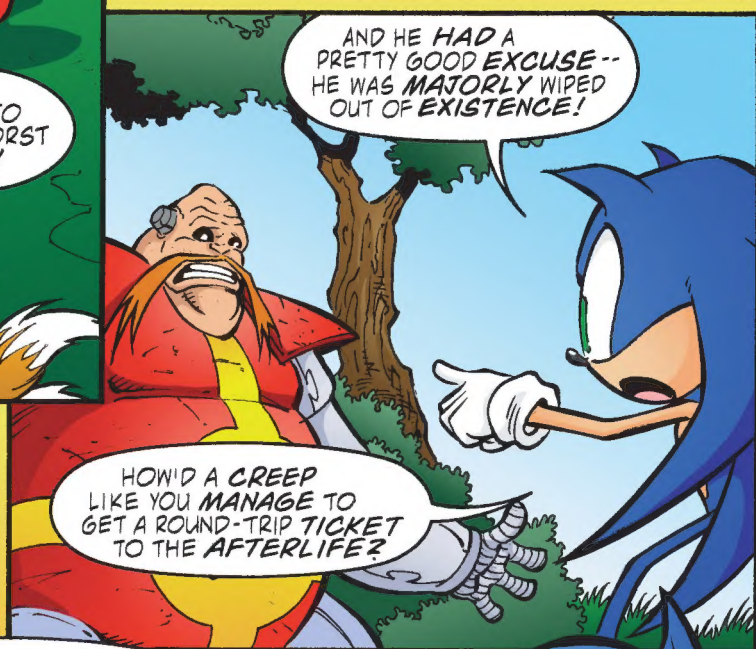
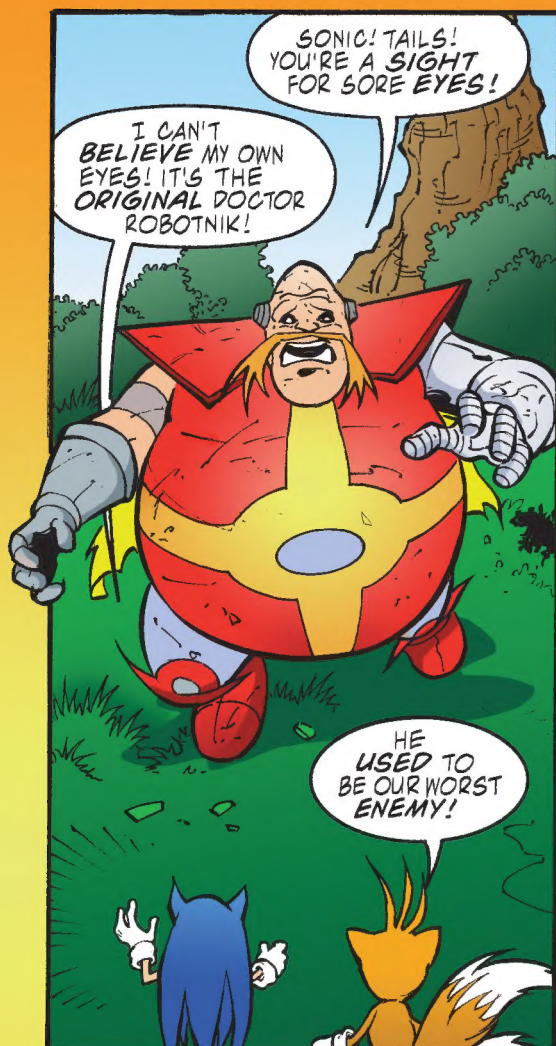


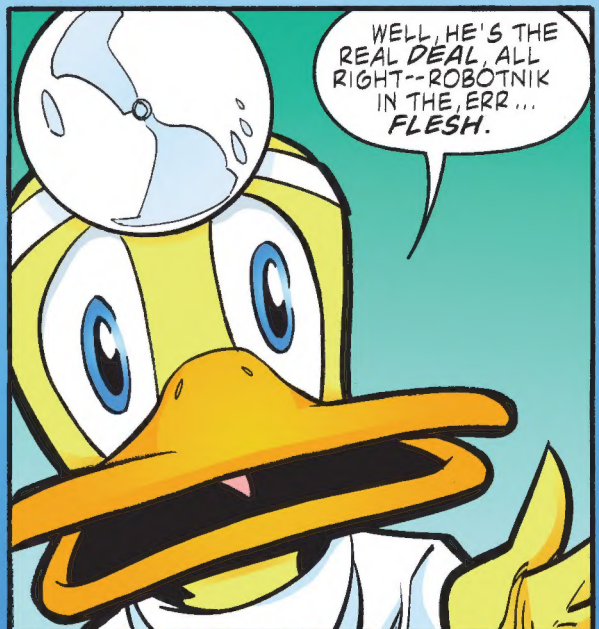
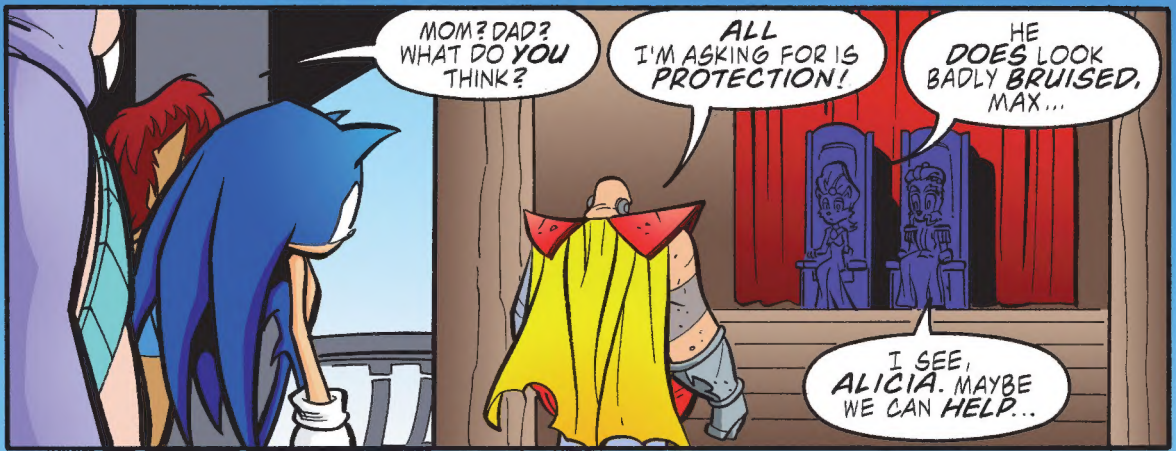
SWAT-BOTS
ARREST THIS BOOB
AT ONCE!

WHA--?! THEY'RE
NOT RESPONDING TO
MY COMMANDS!

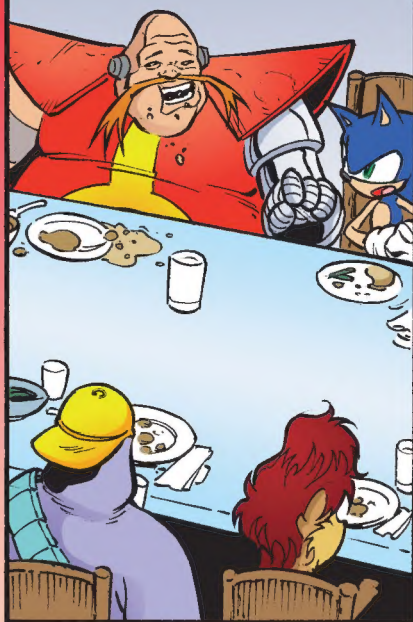
NO,
THEY'RE NOT,
ARE THEY?
-Chuckle-



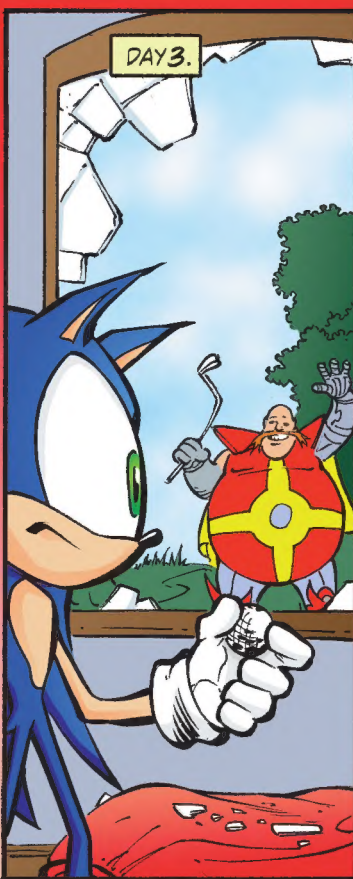




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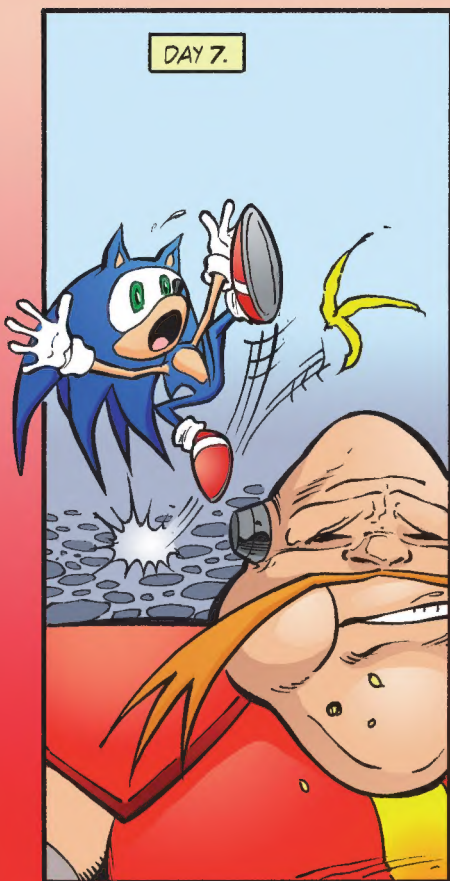
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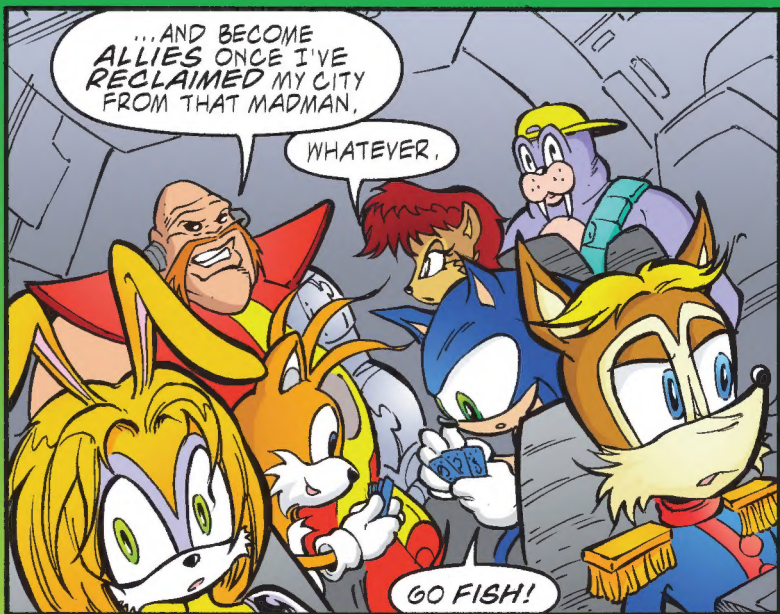
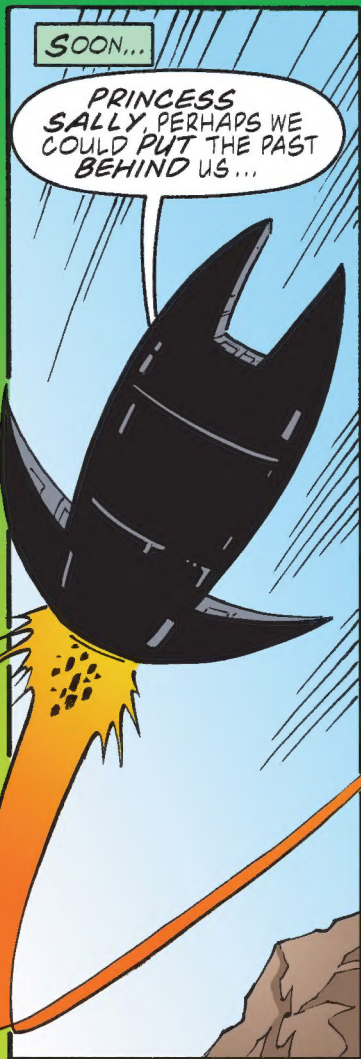
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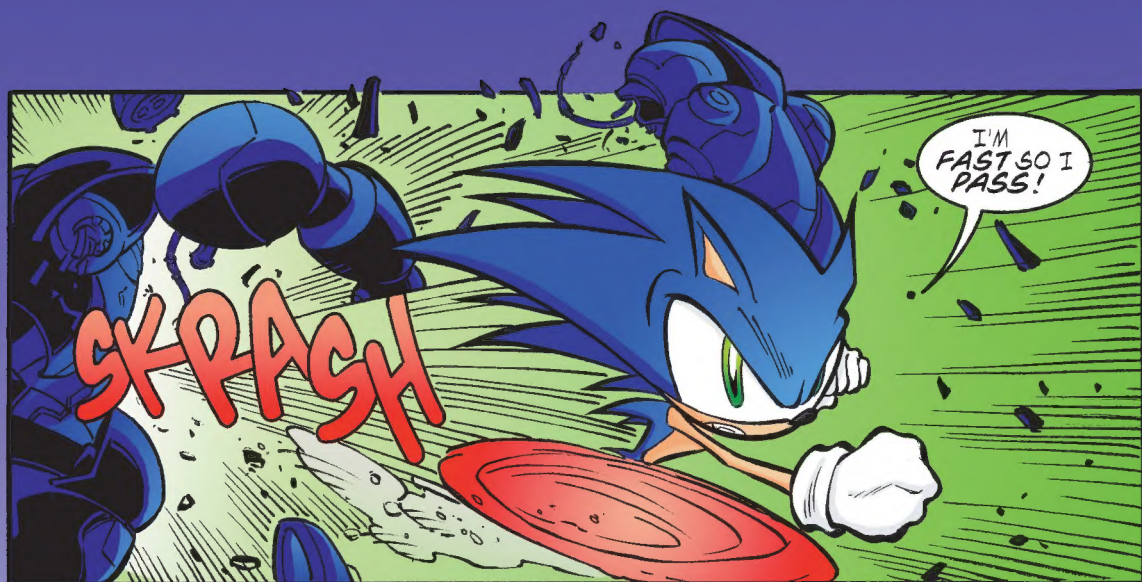


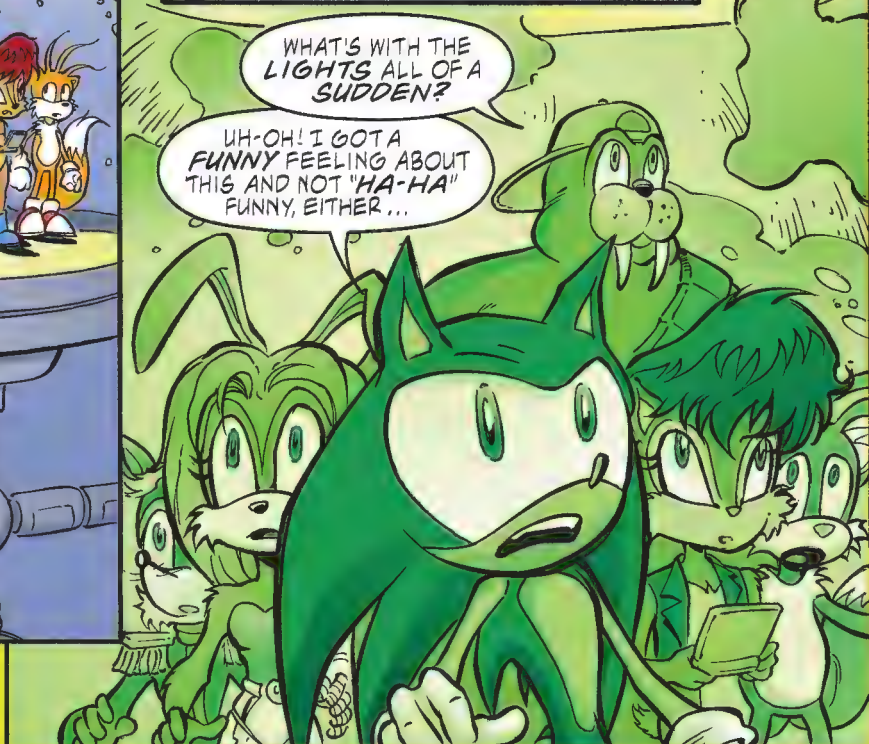
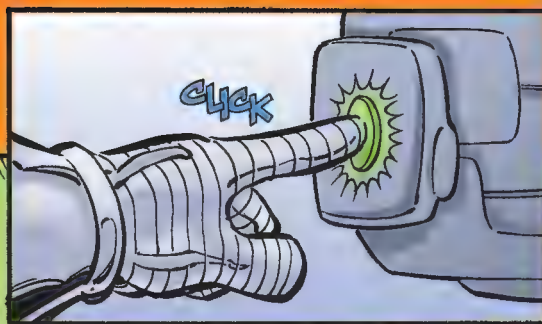
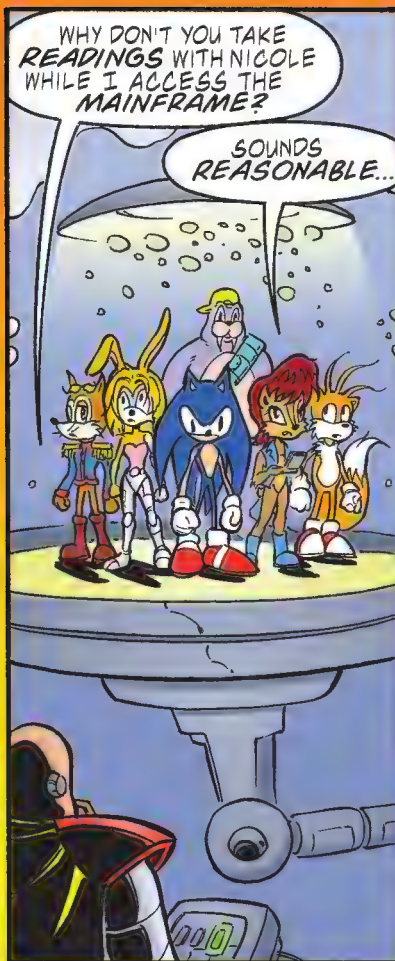
I MISS
ROBOTROPOLIS
VERY MUCH, YOUR
HIGHNESS, AND
NOW I'M READY TO
FACE MYSELF!

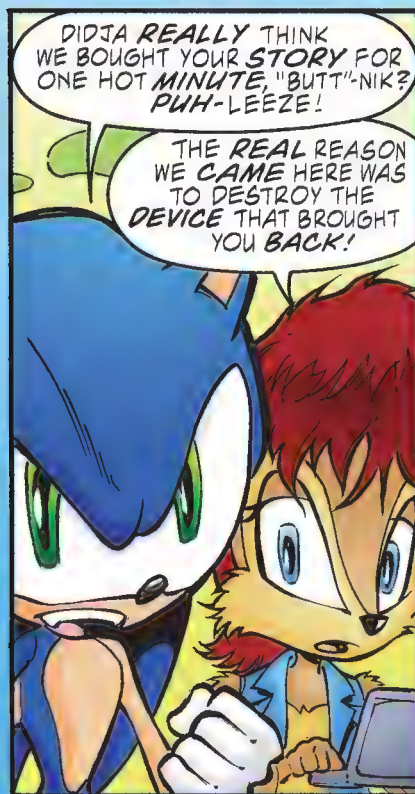
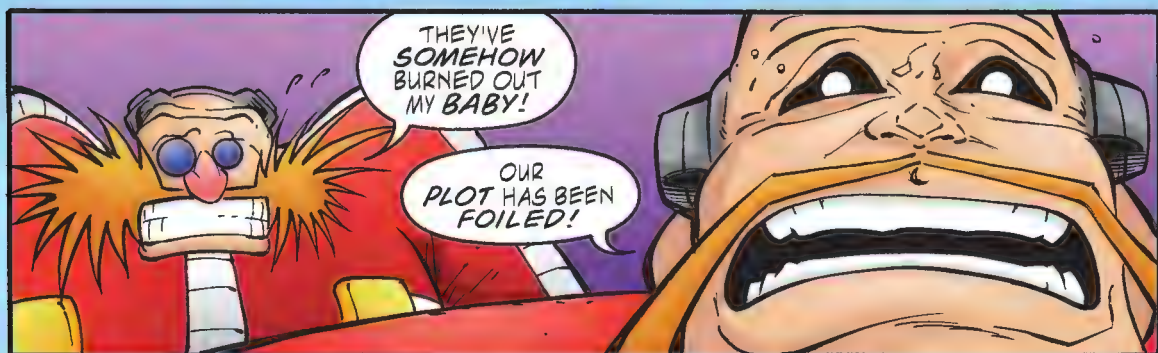
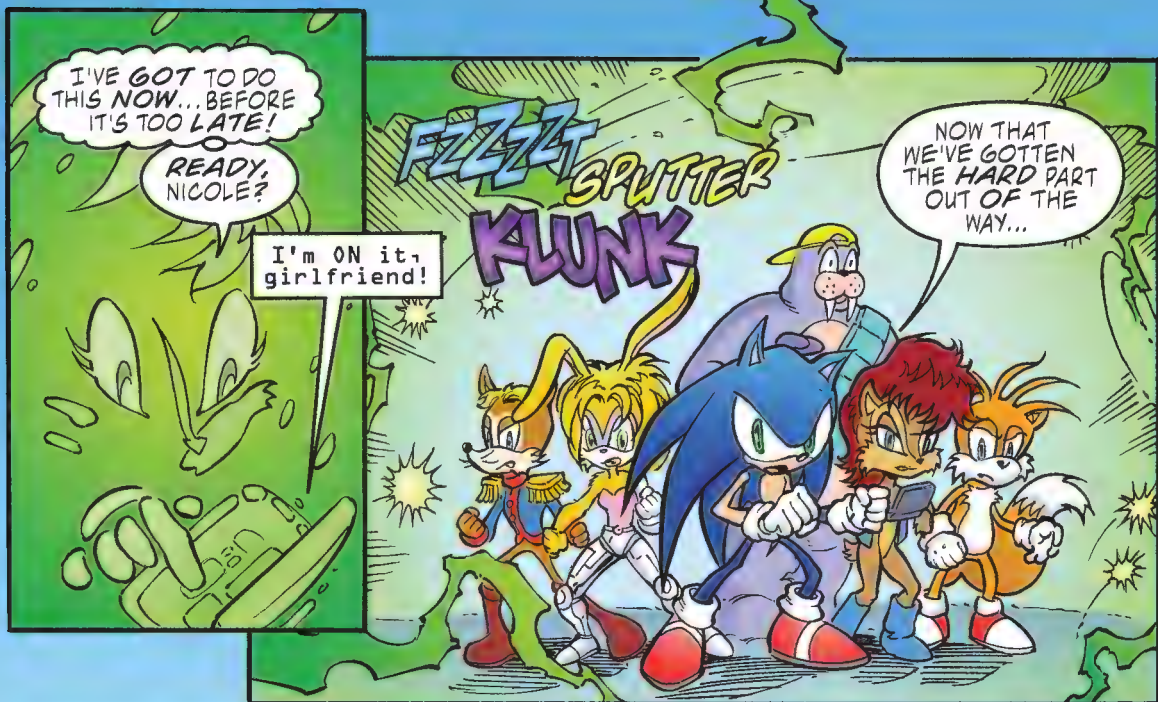
WELL,
IT'S ABOUT
TIME!

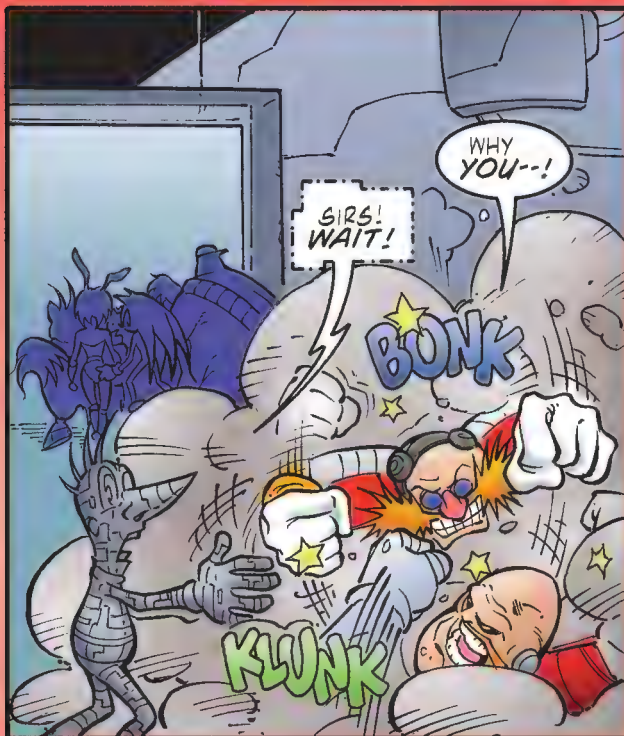






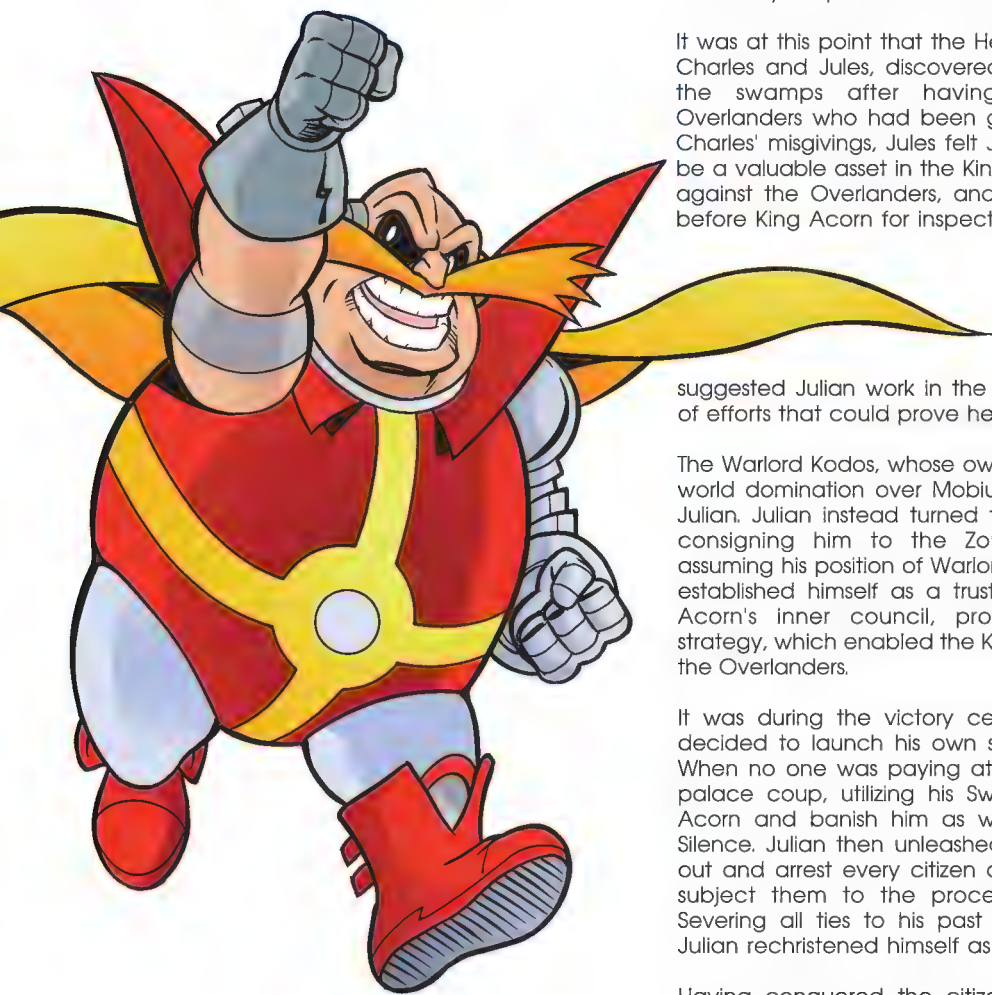






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DR. ROBOTNIK I



HISTORY: As the second son born into his family, great things were expected of Julian Kintobar, and for a time he did not disappoint. Beyond that, not much else about his formative years is known other than he had an older brother named Colin and a distinguished career as a scientist among his people. There is evidence, however, that Julian may have been a tad too ambitious for his own good, which resulted in the Overlanders outlawing some of his more dangerous experiments. It was his own brother, now a Megapolis Magistrate, who ultimately expelled Julian from their society.

It was at this point that the Hedgehog brothers, Sir Charles and Jules, discovered Julian as he lay in the swamps after having avoided several Overlanders who had been giving chase. Despite Charles' misgivings, Jules felt Julian might prove to be a valuable asset in the Kingdom of Acorn's war against the Overlanders, and thus brought Julian before King Acorn for inspection. The King, in turn,

suggested Julian work in the labs on any number of efforts that could prove helpful to the Kingdom.

The Warlord Kodos, whose own ambitions included world domination over Mobius, soon approached Julian. Julian instead turned the tables on Kodos, consigning him to the Zone of Silence and assuming his position of Warlord. Before long, Julian established himself as a trusted member of King Acorn's inner council, providing the winning strategy, which enabled the King's forces to defeat the Overlanders.

It was during the victory celebration that Julian decided to launch his own scheme of conquest. When no one was paying attention, he staged a palace coup, utilizing his Swatbots to seize King Acorn and banish him as well into the Zone of Silence. Julian then unleashed his Swatbots to go out and arrest every citizen of Mobius in order to subject them to the process of roboticization. Severing all ties to his past existence save one, Julian rechristened himself as Doctor Ivo Robotnik.

Having conquered the citizenry of Mobotropolis (which he soon renamed "Robotropolis"), Robotnik set his sights on proceeding to conquer the rest of Mobius, with an army of mindless roboticized slaves ready to carry out his every command. It didn't take long, however, before resistance forces started fighting back, and his greatest enemy soon turned out to be none other than a hedgehog with an attitude named Sonic.

Frustrated from one plan too many going awry because of the hedgehog, Robotnik struck back with an audacious scheme designed to turn all of Sonic's friends against him. Unfortunately for Robotnik, he only succeeded in enraging Sonic past the point-of-no-return, and found himself in a fight to the death with Sonic just as he activated the Ultimate Nullifier. Sonic managed to survive that ordeal, but for all intents and purposes, Robotnik didn't.

FIRST APPEARANCE: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #0, February 1993

FULL NAME: Dr. Ivo Robotnik (formerly known as Julian Kintobar from the House of Ivo)

RANK: Evil despot, absolute ruler over Robotropolis and all he surveyed

BORN: 253 / 3189 **DIED:** 164 / 3235

HEIGHT: 132 marks **WEIGHT:** 12.7 stone

HAIR: red (when allowed to grow as Robotnik prefer the clean-shaven look)

EYES: coal grey

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: Warlord, Chief Scientist

KNOWN FAMILY: Colin Kintobar (brother-roboticized, whereabouts unknown), Colin "Snively" Kintobar, Jr (nephew - roboticized), Hope (niece)

HISTORY: Once upon a time in another zone, the being who would one day be known as Robotnik Mach Two had the same history as Dr. Robotnik I. That history changed when in that zone, Sonic and The Freedom Fighters had Robotnik at the verge of defeat. Rather than lose his reign, he roboticized himself and became more powerful than ever. Now calling himself Robo-Robotnik, this artificial lifeform became bent on conquering every known zone by first eliminating whatever version of Sonic existed within it. His mad scheme came to an abrupt halt when he utilized the Giant Borg in the Prime Zone and was defeated by a multitude of Sonics.

Though his artificial body was destroyed, Robo-Robotnik's cybernetic consciousness returned to his own zone, whereby it became trapped aboard an orbital space station he had been building but had not yet completed. When the first Doctor Robotnik accidentally transported aboard, Robo-Robotnik tapped his memory before transporting him back to his own reality, and learned where fragments of the Giant Borg existed in Robo's native zone.

After recovering the remains, Robo-Robotnik utilized his advanced technology to create a new shell, a carbon-version of the first Doctor Robotnik, and proceeded to wipe out the Royal Family on his Mobius. He then returned to the zone where the first Robotnik existed, only to discover he died while engaging in mortal combat against Sonic.

Deciding conquering one zone was as good as another, Robo-Robotnik set up shop and began by building a network of satellites from which he launched his initial attacks. After revealing his existence to Sonic and his fellow Freedom Fighters, Robo -- who now referred to himself as Robotnik Mach Two -- retook Mobotropolis, robbed the roboticized citizens of their free will and enslaved them once again, and embarked on a program to systematically conquer Mobius in a manner even more ruthless than his predecessor ever imagined.

As with the previous Robotnik, Robotnik Mach Two has come to experience defeat and frustration at the hands of Sonic and his fellow Freedom Fighters. The difference this time is that with each new encounter, the combat grows far more deadlier, and no one can say with any certainty who the ultimate victor will eventually be.



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DR. ROBOTNIK II



FIRST APPEARANCE: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #19, February 1995

FULL NAME: Robotnik Mach Two (formerly Robo-Robotnik, formerly Dr. Ivo Robotnik, formerly known as Julian Kintobor from the House of Ivo from another zone)

RANK: Evil genius

BORN: 253 / 3189 **ROBOTICIZED:** 46 / 3232

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS: A cybernetic consciousness dependent upon whatever artificial mobile shell this lifeform inhabits

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: As Robo-Robotnik: mad conqueror in another zone. As Dr. Ivo Robotnik: Warlord, Chief Scientist

ABILITIES: Whatever any individual mobile shell he inhabits is designed and programmed for

CASTLE
ACORN...

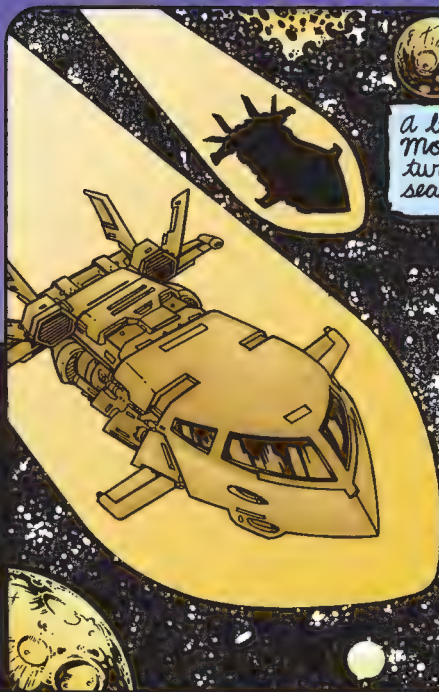
MOM...DAD...I
RECEIVED THIS
LETTER FROM AN
OVERLANDER REFUGEE,
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S
NIECE...

"...A GIRL NAMED HOPE!"

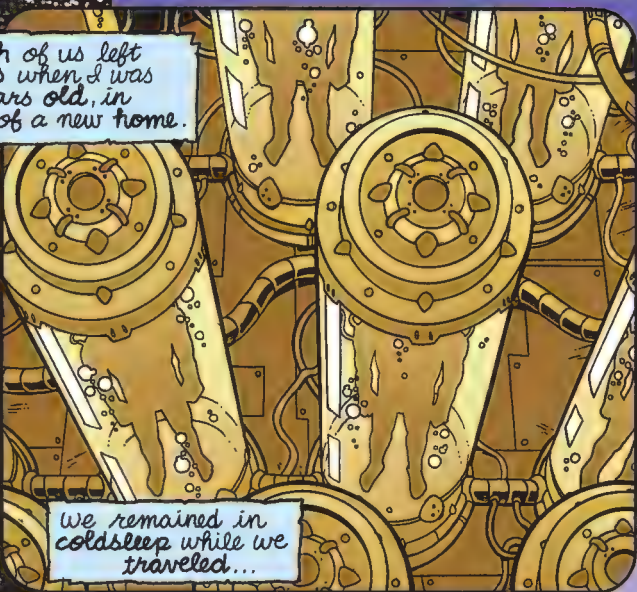
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SHE WRITES,
"DEAR PRINCESS
SALLY..."

... this is
my story.



A bunch of us left Mobius when I was two years old, in search of a new home.



We remained in coldsleep while we traveled...

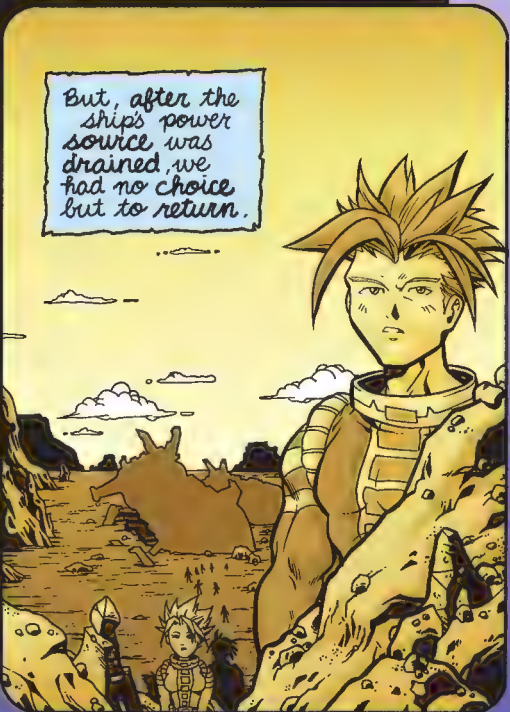
...and, during that time, I learned about Mobius' past...



...about how we Overlanders and you Mobians had always been mortal enemies.

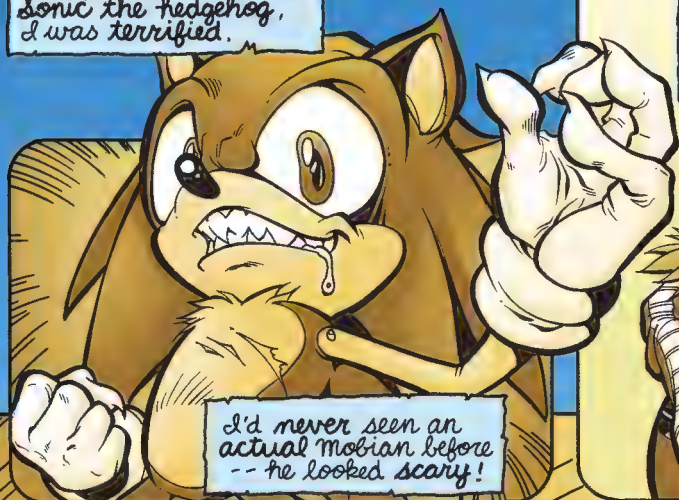


That was the reason why we'd left.



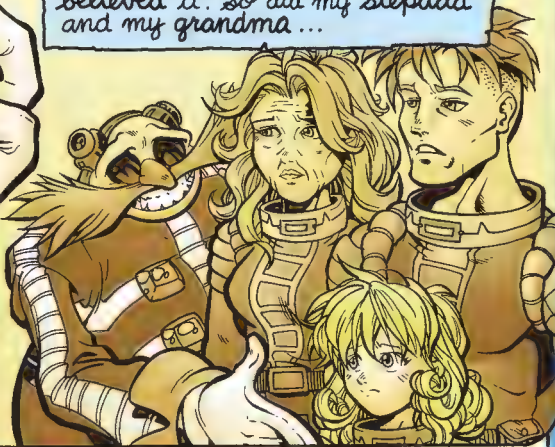
But, after the ship's power source was drained, we had no choice but to return.

The first time I saw Sonic the hedgehog, I was terrified.

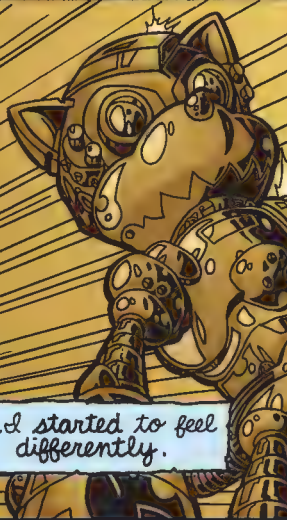


I'd never seen an actual Mobian before -- he looked scary!

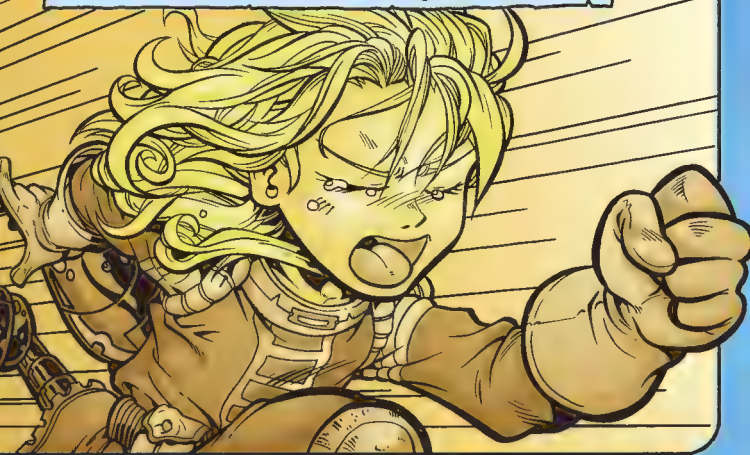
And when my step-uncle Julian -- the ruler of Robotropolis -- told me Sonic was evil, I believed it. So did my stepdad and my grandma ...



... but after seeing a roboticized mobian inside Uncle Julian's science-fortress ...

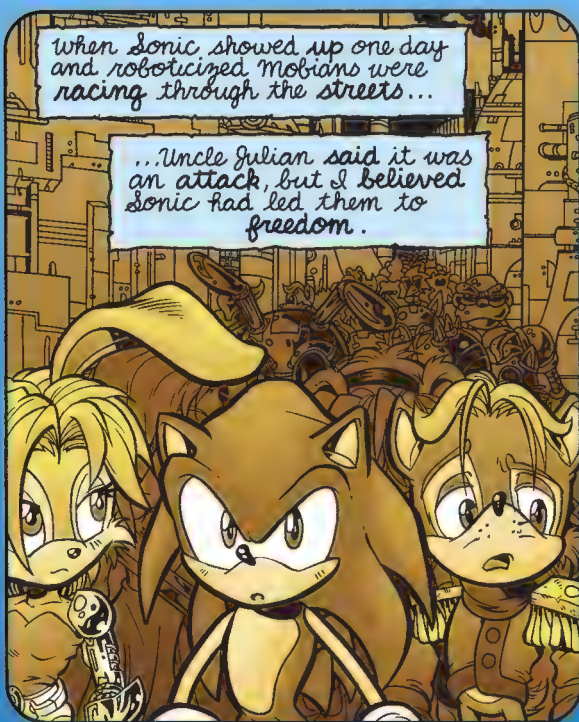


... I started to feel differently.



When Sonic showed up one day and roboticized Mobians were racing through the streets ...

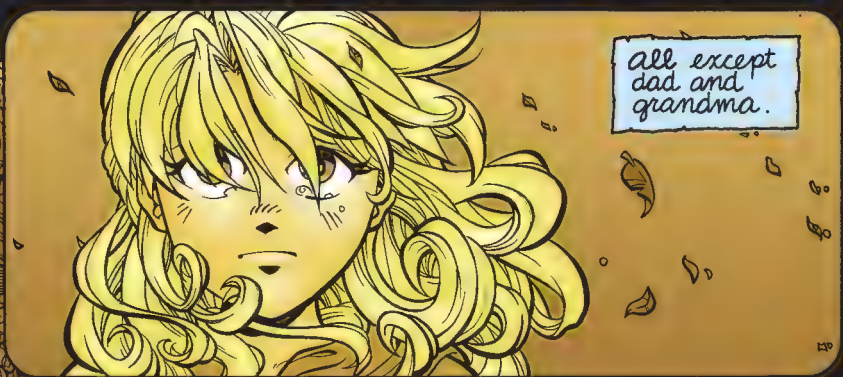
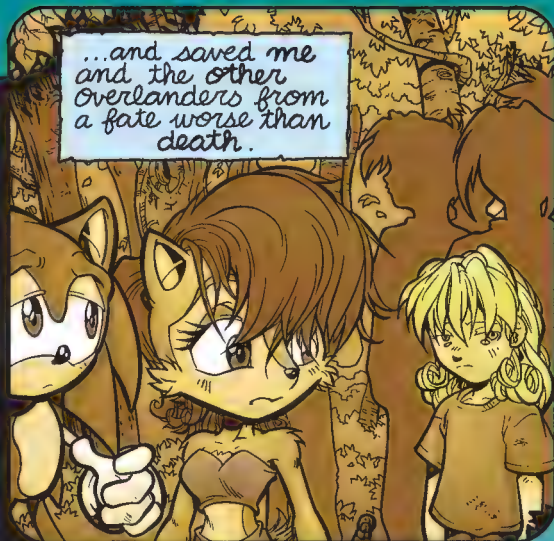
... Uncle Julian said it was an attack, but I believed Sonic had led them to freedom.



Before I could warn anyone ...



Uncle Julian revealed he was a robot who planned to turn us all into robots, too!



I want to thank you, Sonic, and the other freedom fighters for traveling far away to find a new home for my people...

...and for also showing me that Overlanders and Mobians aren't so different after all.

I've seen your love and devotion toward each other...

...witnessed teamwork, and the sense of pride and accomplishment it gives you.

and though I know it's not always sunshine and roses around here...

...I somehow wish I could stay.
Hope Kintobor

A UNIQUE WISH...

FROM A MOST UNIQUE ORPHAN. LET US GRANT IT.

WELCOME, HOPE...

YAAAAAY!

THANK YOU, PRINCESS. THANK YOU...

The End.

HAVING RESTORED THE INHABITANTS OF THE FLOATING ISLAND FROM THEIR IMPRISONMENT IN ANOTHER ZONE,

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA

NOW FINDS HIS ALIGNMENT WITH DIMITRI AND HIS DARK LEGION BEING QUESTIONED BY THOSE CLOSEST TO HIM...

REUNIFICATION PART 3

ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THE ONGOING SAGA OF SEGA'S EVER-POPULAR ECHIDNA, BROUGHT TO YOU BY...
KEN PENDERS--SCRIPT, LAYOUTS & INKS DAWN BEST--PENCILS
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HOW COULD YOU, KNUCKLES?!

SUPPORTING THE DARK LEGION?!!

CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT YOUR FATHER WILL SAY WHEN HE HEARS OF THIS?!

LIKE YOU WOULD CARE ON THAT SCORE, MOM!

I'M STILL YOUR MOTHER, KNUCKLES, AND I WILL NOT BE SPOKEN TO IN THAT MANNER!

YOUR FATHER AND I HAD OUR DIFFERENCES WHERE YOU WERE CONCERNED--

--BUT WE GENERALLY SAW EYE-TO-EYE WHERE OUR POLITICS WERE CONCERNED!

HAVE YOU ANY IDEA OF THE EFFECT YOUR ANCESTOR HAS HAD ON OUR SOCIETY?



IT'S NOT LIKE THE **MITRES*** WERE COMPLETELY INNOCENT, MOM!

MAYBE NOT--

SO, WHY NOT HEAR WHAT **DIMITRI** HAS TO SAY BEFORE GIVING HIM THE OLD HEAVE-HO?

--BUT THEY DIDN'T ATTEMPT HOSTILE TAKE-OVERS LIKE YOUR ANCESTOR, EITHER!

BECAUSE HE REPRESENTS A DANGEROUS THREAT TO MY CHILDREN, THAT'S WHY!

* **MITRES** -- ECHIDNA SPIRITUAL GUIDES, AKIN TO PRIESTS-- JUSTIN.



"CHILDREN?"

I'M AN ONLY CHILD, MOM!

I DIDN'T MISSPEAK, KNUCKLES!

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A SIBLING!

I'M PREGNANT!



Uh...er... ARE YOU SURE?

REALLY, KNUCKLES! YOU THINK A MOTHER WOULDN'T KNOW THESE THINGS?



GUESS I NEVER GAVE IT MUCH THOUGHT BEFORE!

MUCH LIKE OTHER MATTERS YOU APPARENTLY HAVEN'T CONSIDERED!

AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE HIGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED NEARBY, DIMITRI STANDS BEFORE AN ATTENTIVE AUDIENCE...



WHEN I FIRST PROPOSED RESTORING THE FLOATING ISLAND BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL SITE--

--MY PLAN WAS DENOUNCED FOR BEING TOO RADICAL AND DANGEROUS!

I SAY TO YOU NOW--

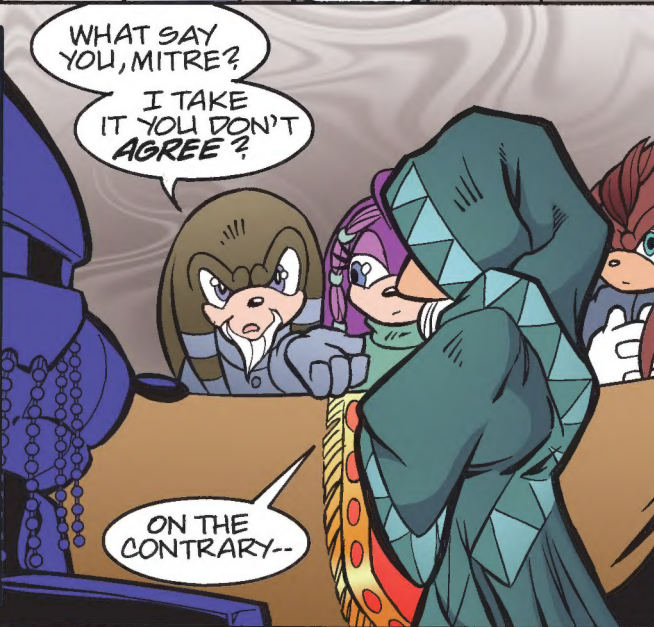
--RADICAL AND DANGEROUS DOESN'T EVEN **BEGIN** TO DESCRIBE THE SITUATION SHOULD ECHIDNA SOCIETY CONTINUE TO BE **SPLIT** DOWN THE MIDDLE--



--BETWEEN THOSE WHO WOULD WELCOME THE **NEW** AND THOSE WHO STILL CLING TO THE **OLD** WAYS!

WHAT SAY YOU, MITRE?

I TAKE IT YOU DON'T **AGREE**?



ON THE CONTRARY--

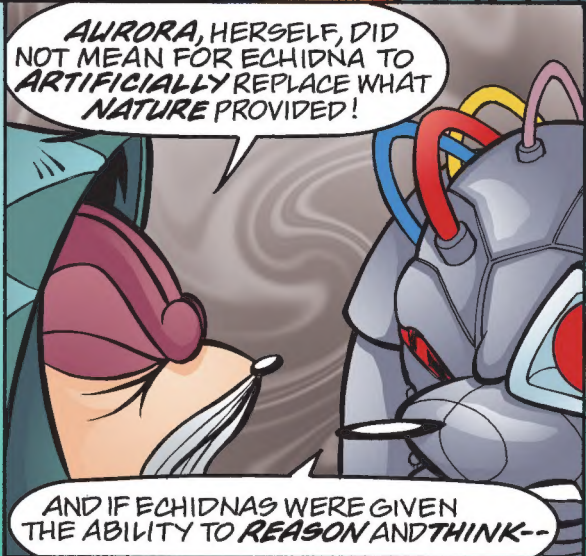
--OUR PEOPLE SHOULD BE UNITED, BUT **ARE** THEY CAPABLE OF ACCEPTING SO MUCH CHANGE SO QUICKLY?

LOOK AT YOU, DIMITRI--



-- A MASS OF GINEW AND BLOOD **MELDED** TO WIRE AND METAL!

AIWROA, HERSELF, DID NOT MEAN FOR ECHIDNA TO **ARTIFICIALLY** REPLACE WHAT **NATURE** PROVIDED!



AND IF ECHIDNAS WERE GIVEN THE ABILITY TO **REASON** AND **THINK**--

"-- DOES IT NOT MEAN TO
UTILIZE THOSE GIFTS FOR
THE ***GREATER GOOD*** ?"

HE'S
BEEN IN THERE
LONGER THAN
EXPECTED...

--BUT WHO'S
TO SAY ***WHAT***
EXACTLY
HAPPENED
WHEN ?

ALL I
KNOW ARE THE
ROUGH
DETAILS AND
EVEN THOSE ARE
SUSPECT !

IF ***DAD*** NEVER
FOUND A SOLUTION
TO THE PROBLEM,
WHAT HOPE DO
I--

WHOA!

HE'S
BACK!

AND HE'S HEADING
DOWNTOWN !

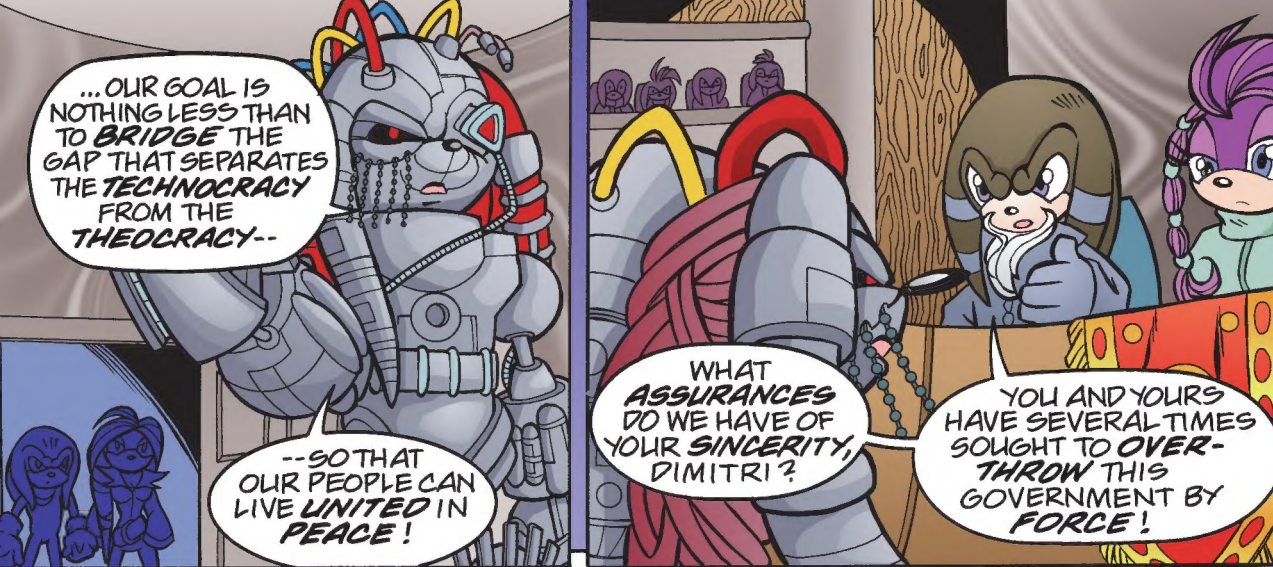
PROBABLY TO
POW-WOW WITH
DIMITRI AND THE
LORD HIGH
POOBAHS!

NOW HE'S
TALKING TO
HER??!!

THE ONE
PERSON ***MOM***
ABSOLUTELY
REFUSES
TO TALK
ABOUT!

AND THERE THEY
GO INSIDE--AS IF
THEY WERE ***GOOD***
BUDDIES !

WHAT COULD
SHE HAVE ***SAID***
TO HIM ?

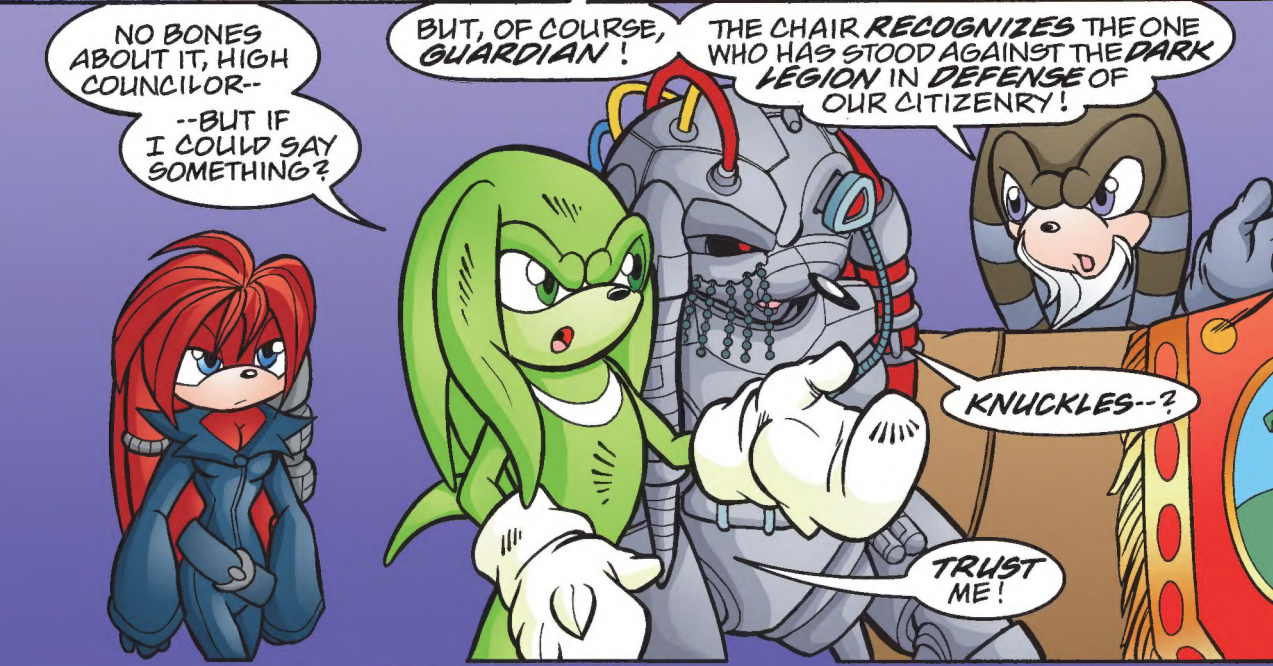


... OUR GOAL IS NOTHING LESS THAN TO **BRIDGE** THE GAP THAT SEPARATES THE **TECHNOCRACY** FROM THE **THEOCRACY**--

--SO THAT OUR PEOPLE CAN LIVE **UNITED** IN **PEACE**!

WHAT **ASSURANCES** DO WE HAVE OF YOUR **SINCERITY**, DIMITRI?

YOU AND YOURS HAVE SEVERAL TIMES SOUGHT TO **OVER-THROW** THIS GOVERNMENT BY **FORCE**!



NO BONES ABOUT IT, HIGH COUNCILOR--

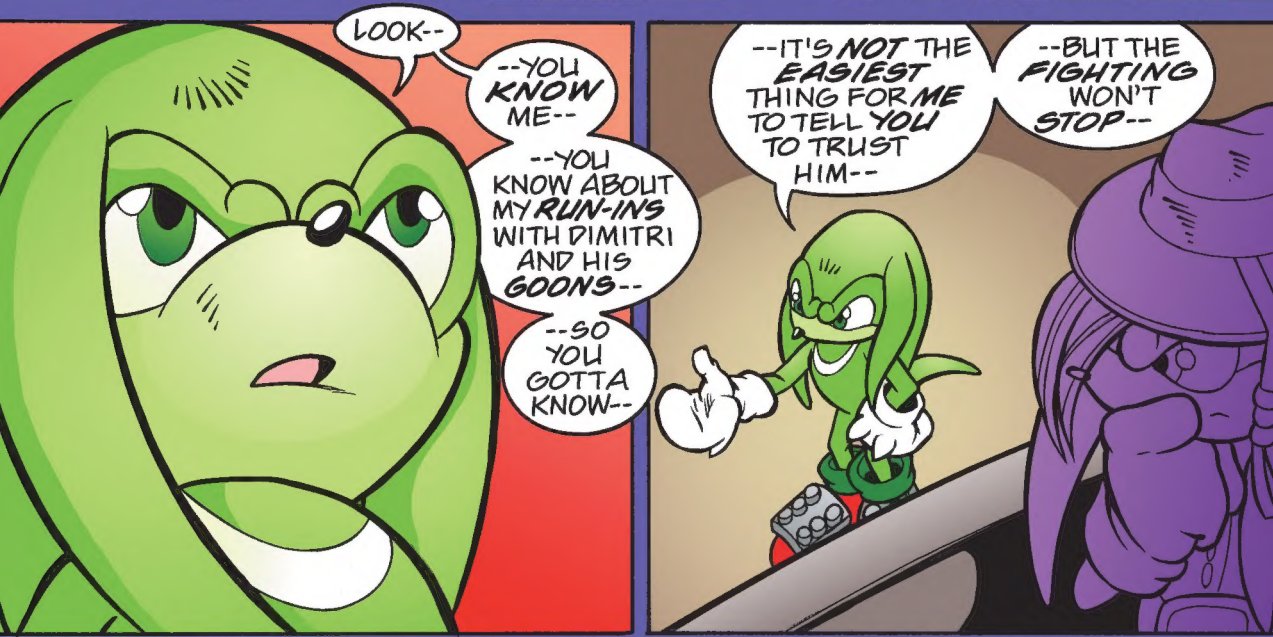
--BUT IF I COULD SAY SOMETHING?

BUT, OF COURSE, **GUARDIAN**!

THE CHAIR **RECOGNIZES** THE ONE WHO HAS STOOD AGAINST THE **DARK LEGION** IN **DEFENSE** OF OUR CITIZENRY!

KNUCKLES--??

TRUST ME!



LOOK--

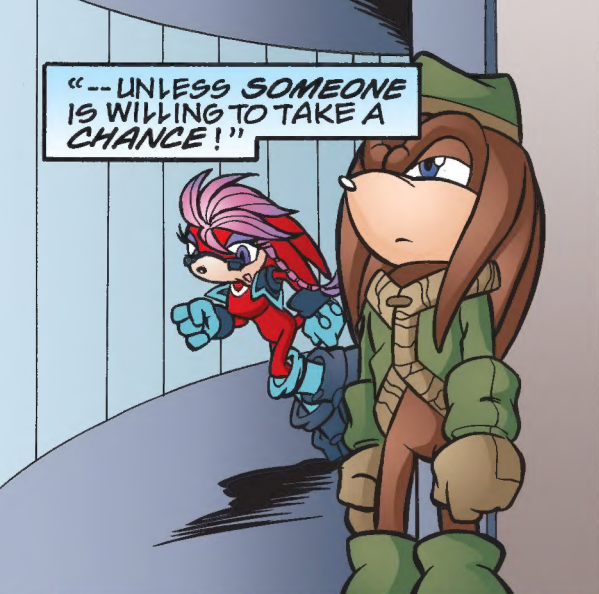
--YOU KNOW ME--

--YOU KNOW ABOUT MY **RUN-INS** WITH DIMITRI AND HIS **GOONS**--

--SO YOU GOTTA KNOW--

--IT'S NOT THE **EASIEST** THING FOR ME TO TELL YOU TO TRUST HIM--

--BUT THE **FIGHTING** WON'T STOP--



"--UNLESS SOMEONE IS WILLING TO TAKE A CHANCE!"



HOLD IT, MISS!

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

I NEED TO GET INTO THAT ROOM, SIR!

NOT WITHOUT THE PROPER CLEARANCE!



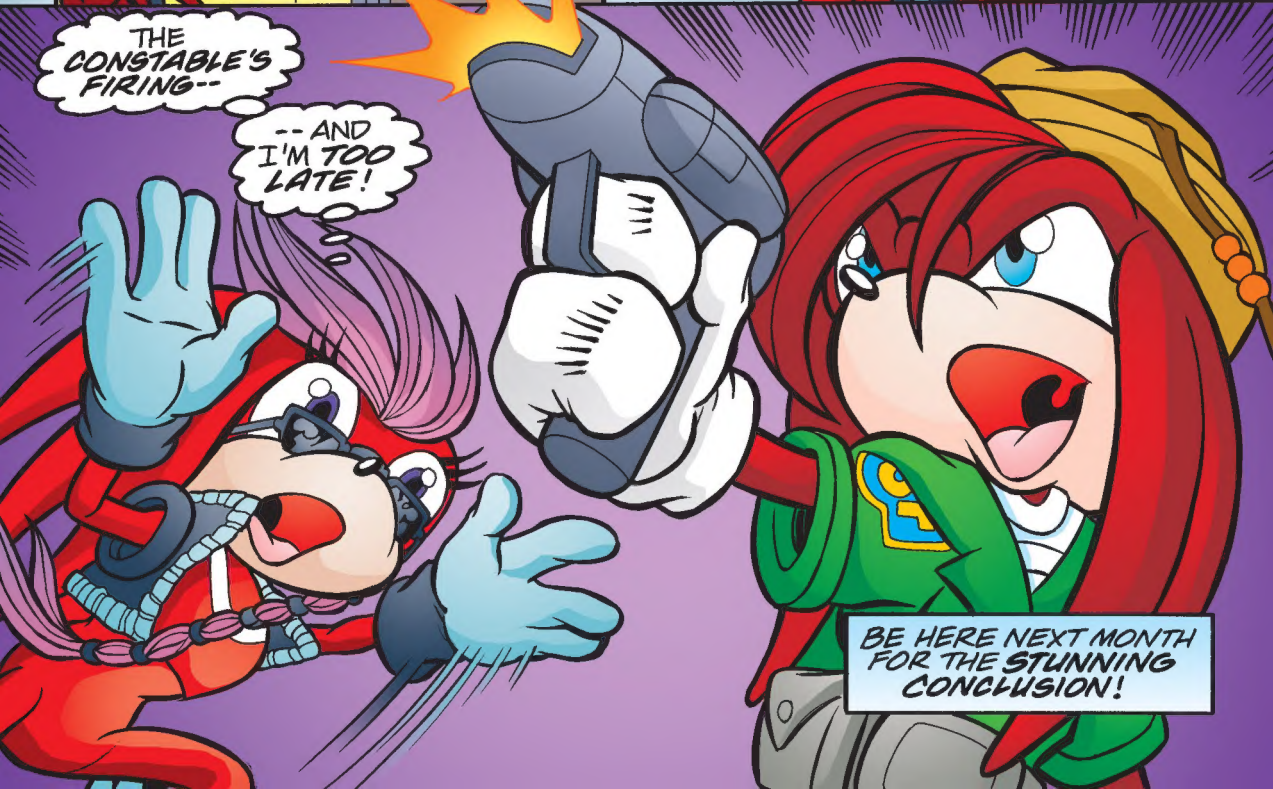
I'M REALLY SORRY--

--BUT YOU'D NEVER BELIEVE MY I.D., ANYWAY!



YOU BETRAYED US FOR THE LAST TIME!!!

OH, NO!



THE CONSTABLE'S FIRING--

--AND I'M TOO LATE!

BE HERE NEXT MONTH FOR THE STUNNING CONCLUSION!